



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 223

January Session, 2013

Substitute House Bill No. 6499

House of Representatives, March 27, 2013

The Committee on Children reported through REP. URBAN of the 43rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) For purposes of this act, the
2 "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child" or
3 "convention" means the convention adopted by the United Nations
4 General Assembly on November 20, 1989, since ratified by one
5 hundred ninety-three nations, that represents the first international
6 instrument to address the civil, political, economic, social and cultural
7 rights of children.

8 (b) On or before January 15, 2014, the chairpersons of the joint
9 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 matters relating to children shall form a working group comprised of
11 representatives of state agencies and departments, community
12 organizations, private provider agencies operating programs that
13 impact the well-being of children and families, parents and other
14 caretakers of children, child advocacy organizations, health care

15 professionals that serve children and families, schools, and child care
 16 providers. Such working group shall: (1) Receive reports and
 17 testimony from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based
 18 organizations and other public and private organizations regarding the
 19 United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; (2) create goals
 20 for state policy that would prevent the abuse of children's rights in the
 21 state; (3) implement results-based accountability measures to track
 22 progress towards the goals and objectives outlined in the convention
 23 for inclusion in the children's results-based accountability report card
 24 established pursuant to section 2-53m of the general statutes; and (4)
 25 urge the United States Congress to ratify the convention so the United
 26 States may join the one hundred ninety-three nations having already
 27 ratified the convention.

28 (c) Not later than January 15, 2015, the working group shall submit a
 29 report detailing the working group's findings pursuant to subsection
 30 (b) of this section to the General Assembly, in accordance with the
 31 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

32 (d) The working group shall terminate on January 15, 2015.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b) technical revisions were made for clarity and in section 1(d), "task force" was changed to "working group" for accuracy and consistency.

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Legislative Mgmt.; Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than 1,000	Less than 1,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the working group to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact as the working group terminates by FY 15.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Children Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/12/2013)